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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the Application of	)	Examiner: Kevin R. Kruer
Miladin P. Lazarov et al.	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 1773
for: BIOCOMPATIBLE ARTICLE	)	
	)	Confirmation No.: 9173
Serial No: 09/521,086	)	
	)	Our Docket No: 7506-0001
Filed: March 7, 2000	)	

Hartford, Connecticut, October 6, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 9, 2004, having a period for response set to expire on April 9, 2004, Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time, so that the term will expire on October 9, 2004. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of the present response.

Remarks begin on page 5 of the present response.

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